

# FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

November 9, 2015

## A. CALL TO ORDER:

The County Board of Ford County met pursuant to adjournment in the Ford County Board Room of the Ford County Jail in Paxton on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Randy Berger.

## B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Jason Johnson, Jon Clark, Randy Ferguson, Tom McQuinn, Chase McCall, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Chairman Berger. Mr. May and Mr. Hastings were absent.

## C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

## D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

## E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Otto moved to approve the board agenda. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

## F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Lindgren moved to approve the October 12 & 19, 2015 minutes. Mr. McCall seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

## G. COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Jeff Torricelli spoke in regard to the enterprise zone. Mr. Ferguson moved to **adopt Ordinance 15-44 and the Agreement**. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

## H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

## I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Cassy Taylor reported that 14 adult and 1 juvenile cases have been filed. There were 2 PTR'S filed, 3 PSI'S ordered and 2 PSI'S completed. There were 5 adults and 0 juveniles in Residential Alcohol/Drug Treatment. There were 2 adults placed in residential or group homes. The Drug Court team attended the Illinois Problem Conference. Ellen Maxey, Shanna Ferrell and Rocky Marron were recognized with distinguished Service awards. Brittany Colby attended 40 hours of training from AOIC for Juvenile Basic Training.

## J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Clerk Evans reported that her office has been busy with jurors and jury trials. She was asked why she didn't observe the resolution that was denied. Evans said that it was a law and had to be obeyed.

## K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Stevens said that we have a cash balance of \$254,648.08 as of October 31.

## L. OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER DEPT. HEADS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

**M. APPROVAL OF ALL DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:**

Mr. McQuinn moved to approve all department head reports. Mr. Clark seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

**N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Mr. Berger was busy attending meetings this month.

**O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Environment**

**2. Finance**

Mrs. Stagen moved to **approve payment of the General Fund bills.** Mr. McCall seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to **adopt Ordinance 15-45 (Ford County Budget Ordinance for 2015-16).**

Mr. Otto seconded it.

Roll Call – 8 yeas; 2 nays

Mr. Ferguson & McQuinn voted nay

Mrs. Stagen moved to **present the 2015-16 Tax Levy Ordinance,** which will be voted on next month. Mr. Ferguson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. Stagen moved to **adopt Resolution 15-46 (amending the Circuit Clerk Salary).** Mr.

McCall seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to **adopt Resolution 15-47 (adopting Salary increases for S of A, Sheriff Administrator, Probation Director, Judge Chief Deputy, State’s Attorney Chief Deputy, Public Defenders, Zoning Officer and Hourly Employees).** Mr. McCall seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Stagen moved to **adopt Resolution 15-48 (salaries for the Probation Department).** Mr.

McCall seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

**3. Highway**

Mr. Otto moved to **approve payment of the Highway bills.** Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

**4. Insurance/Personnel**

Mr. McQuinn moved to **adopt Resolution 15-49 (the Holiday Schedule for 2015-16).** Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. McQuinn moved to **adopt Resolution 15-50 (the 2016 schedule for the County Board Meetings).** Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mr. McQuinn asked if the board members had read the new proposed personnel policy and if they would be ready to vote on it next month. Mr. Berger said it looked very good, but that he would like to include the “Whistle Blower Policy”. He will write something up to give to the clerk.

**5. Overview/Legislation**

Mr. Lindgren asked Mr. Otto to remind the tenant that there is mowing to be done on the County Farm Property.

**6. Sheriff**

Mr. Lindgren moved to **approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills.** Mr. McQuinn seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Lindgren moved to approve the County Law Enforcement Service Contracts with (the Village of Roberts, Village of Melvin and Village of Elliott). Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

**7. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes:**

**P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

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|--|--------------------|
| 1. Mobile Region 8   | Doran/Lindgren     |
| 2. Union Affairs   | Lindgren/ Mc/Quinn |
| The FOP met this morning. Mr. Lindgren said it went well and that they have a tentative agreement in place.  |                    |
| 3. EIEDD   | Ferguson           |
| 4. 708 Board   | Berger             |
| 5. WIA   | Stagen             |
| 6. Ford Public Health Dept.  | Berger             |
| 7. Regional Office of Education  | Berger/Stagen      |
| Mainly talked about the budget   |                    |
| 8. 9-1-1   | Johnson            |
| Dennis Higgins, Jacqui Coronett and Jennifer Harrison attended the 9-1-1 Conference in Springfield. Have a Joint 9-1-1 Meeting and Board Meeting on Monday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the board room. |                    |
| 9. Zoning  | Johnson/Hastings   |
| 10. CIRMA  | Nuss               |
| Brought in 2 more counties. Next meeting Jan.1, 2016.  |                    |
| 11. Extension  | Hastings/Johnson   |
| Next meeting is next Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the Linden   |                    |
| 12. E.M.A.   | Higgins            |
| 13. Information/Technology   | Nuss               |
| Mr. Nuss passed out sheets for the department heads in regard to hardware inventory and I.T. problem reports.  |                    |

**Q. OLD BUSINESS**

**R. NEW BUSINESS**

**S. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Ferguson moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), in regard to compensation or dismissal of certain employees. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Went into Executive Session at 7:56 P.M.

Went out of Executive Session at 8:16 P.M.

**T. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn at 8:17 P.M. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals  
County Clerk

Approved \_\_\_\_\_